LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Nozzle for supporting a weft thread in a weaving machine, comprising at least one outlet opening; ~~provided with~~ a flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ for supplying a fluid to said ~~flowing out in~~ at least one outlet opening; ~~(18), characterised in that the~~ said nozzle being ~~(3) is~~ at least partially formed ~~composed~~ of segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the outer shape of the nozzle ~~(3)~~ and the inner shape~~, in other words the shape~~ of the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ are different from each other and wherein said ~~in that the aforesaid~~ segments define said ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52) determine the aforesaid~~ inner shape.

3. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ are plate-shaped~~, in particular in that they consist of plates~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ are disposed ~~held~~ in a casing ~~(29)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ at least a number of the segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ are mutually connected.

6. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ at least a number of the segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ are pressed loosely against each other.

7. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein the nozzle is elongated

and ~~characterised in that~~ the segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ extend along [[in]] the longitudinal direction of the nozzle ~~(3)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 3, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the ~~plate-shaped~~ segments ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52)~~ are disposed ~~situated~~ such that they are directed with one edge facing ~~(21)~~ towards a ~~the~~ side of the nozzle ~~(3)~~ in which the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~ are located ~~situated~~.

9. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein said segments at least in part form ~~characterised in that the nozzle (3) has one or several parts composed by means of the segments (20-37-47) forming~~ one or more ~~several~~ partition walls within ~~(35-51) in~~ the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ has at least two outlet openings ~~(18)~~, and wherein one or more ~~whereby the above-mentioned partition wall or~~ partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ define separate ducts extending ~~(39-40-41)~~ towards a ~~the~~ respective outlet opening ~~openings (18)~~ and/or groups of outlet openings ~~(18)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 10, wherein said one or more ~~characterised in that the aforesaid partition wall,~~ partition walls ~~(35-51) respectively,~~ extend up to a ~~the~~ side of the nozzle ~~(22)~~ where the outlet openings ~~(18)~~ open into the environment.

12. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ one or more ~~several~~ of said ~~the aforesaid~~ partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ are formed ~~made~~ as a longitudinal partition.

13. (Currently Amended)) Nozzle according to claim 12, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the partition wall or walls enable ~~(35) provide for~~ a lateral division of the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ in the ducts ~~(39-40-41)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein the nozzle is elongated and ~~characterised in that~~ the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ generally extends in the longitudinal direction of the nozzle ~~(3)~~ and traces a curve near a ~~the~~ top end of the nozzle to finally flow into the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~, and further wherein ~~in that~~ one or more ~~several~~ of the ~~aforesaid~~ partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ extend through at least a part of said ~~the aforesaid~~ curve.

15. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ at least one of the ~~aforesaid~~ partition walls ~~(51)~~ is made as a cross partition defining ~~and in particular as~~ a blade-shaped guide near the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ at least one of the ~~aforesaid~~ partition walls extends ~~(35-51) extend~~ crosswise in one piece from one side to the other side of the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ mainly all the partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ extend downward up to a distance (A) from the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~ which is larger than the ~~hair~~ length of the hairs ~~(48)~~ which are usually found on textile fibres~~, in particular up to a distance (A) of about 1 cm~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the segments, as well as any partition walls ~~(35)~~ formed by same ~~thereof~~, comprise ~~consist of~~ plate-shaped elements ~~or the like~~ which extend slantingly at an angle (H) according to a general direction which, when the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is mounted in a weaving machine, extends slantingly towards a ~~the~~ reed of the weaving machine.

19. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ at least one of the ~~aforesaid~~ segments comprises ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52) is made as~~ an intermediate connection forming a reinforcement for a ~~the~~ body ~~(49)~~ of the nozzle ~~(3)~~, at least in the central part of the nozzle ~~(50) thereof~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at lease some of the ~~characterised in that the nozzle (3) has~~ segments are formed to ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52) and possibly partition walls (35-51) formed thereof which, thanks to their direction and/or shape,~~ serve as guiding elements to direct a ~~the~~ fluid jet discharged from ~~(8) leaving~~ the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~ when the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is in use.

21. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the segments comprise ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52) are formed of~~ straight, mainly flat contiguous elements ~~which are placed against each other~~.

22. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein at least some of the ~~characterised in that the nozzle (3) has~~ segments comprise ~~(19-20-30-37-47-52), and possibly also partition walls (35-51) formed thereof, which consist of~~ elements, ~~in particular plates or the like,~~ having varying thicknesses and/or shapes which are not flat ~~different from a flat shape~~.

23. (Currently Amended) Nozzle according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ has a series of outlet openings ~~(18)~~ which are arranged step-like, by means of the segmented construction, from one far end of the series to the other far end thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) Nozzle for supporting a weft thread in a weaving machine, said nozzle comprising ~~provided with~~ a flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ for a fluid flowing out of [[in]] at least one outlet opening of the nozzle ~~(18)~~, comprising ~~characterised in that it has~~ one or a combination of two or more of the following ~~characteristics~~:

- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided with at least two outlet openings ~~(18)~~, and wherein ~~whereby~~ at least one ~~either or not~~ partition wall ~~of one piece (35-51)~~ is provided ~~present~~ in the top part of the nozzle ~~(3)~~ separating at least the two outlet openings ~~(18)~~, at least at ~~as of~~ a point located situated inside the ~~actual~~ flow-through canalisation and ~~(17)~~ up to an ~~the~~ outer wall of the nozzle, or practically up to said ~~the~~ outer wall, where the outlet openings ~~(18)~~ open to [[in]] the

environment;

- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is elongated and is provided with one or several partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ extending in the longitudinal direction of the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~, said ~~whereby these~~ partition walls extending ~~(35-51) extend~~ crosswise and continuing substantially ~~continue materially~~ from one side of the flow-through canalisation ~~(17) up~~ to the opposite other side;
- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided with at least one outlet opening and at least one partition wall ~~(51)~~ made as a cross partition in the shape of a blade-shaped guide disposed near each ~~the~~ outlet opening ~~or outlet openings (18)~~;
- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided with one or more ~~several~~ partition walls ~~(35-51)~~, ~~and that~~ at least a number of said partition walls extending ~~thereof extend~~ downward up to at least a distance (A) from each ~~the~~ outlet opening ~~or outlet openings (18)~~, said distance being ~~which is~~ larger than the hair length of the hairs ~~(48)~~ which are usually found on textile fibres~~, in particular up to a distance (A) of about 1 cm~~;
- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided with at least an intermediate connection extending through the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ and forming a reinforcement for a ~~the~~ body ~~(49)~~ of the nozzle ~~(3)~~;
- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided with a series of outlet openings ~~(18)~~ which are arranged in a step-like manner from one far end of said series to the other far end; and
- ~~that~~ the nozzle ~~(3)~~ has a head part, including said canalisation and wherein ~~whereby~~ partition walls ~~(35-51)~~ are disposed ~~present~~ in the flow-through canalisation ~~(17)~~ of said ~~this~~ head part which, due to ~~as a result of~~ their direction and/or shape, function as guiding elements to direct a ~~the~~ fluid jet ~~(8)~~ leaving the outlet opening or outlet openings ~~(18)~~ when the nozzle ~~(3)~~ is in use.